

**FLORIN AREA REUNION OCTOBER 10, 1981**



**Pre-evacuation Japanese Community Reunion  
Florin, Elk Grove, Mayhew, Perkins, Taishoku, Brighton**

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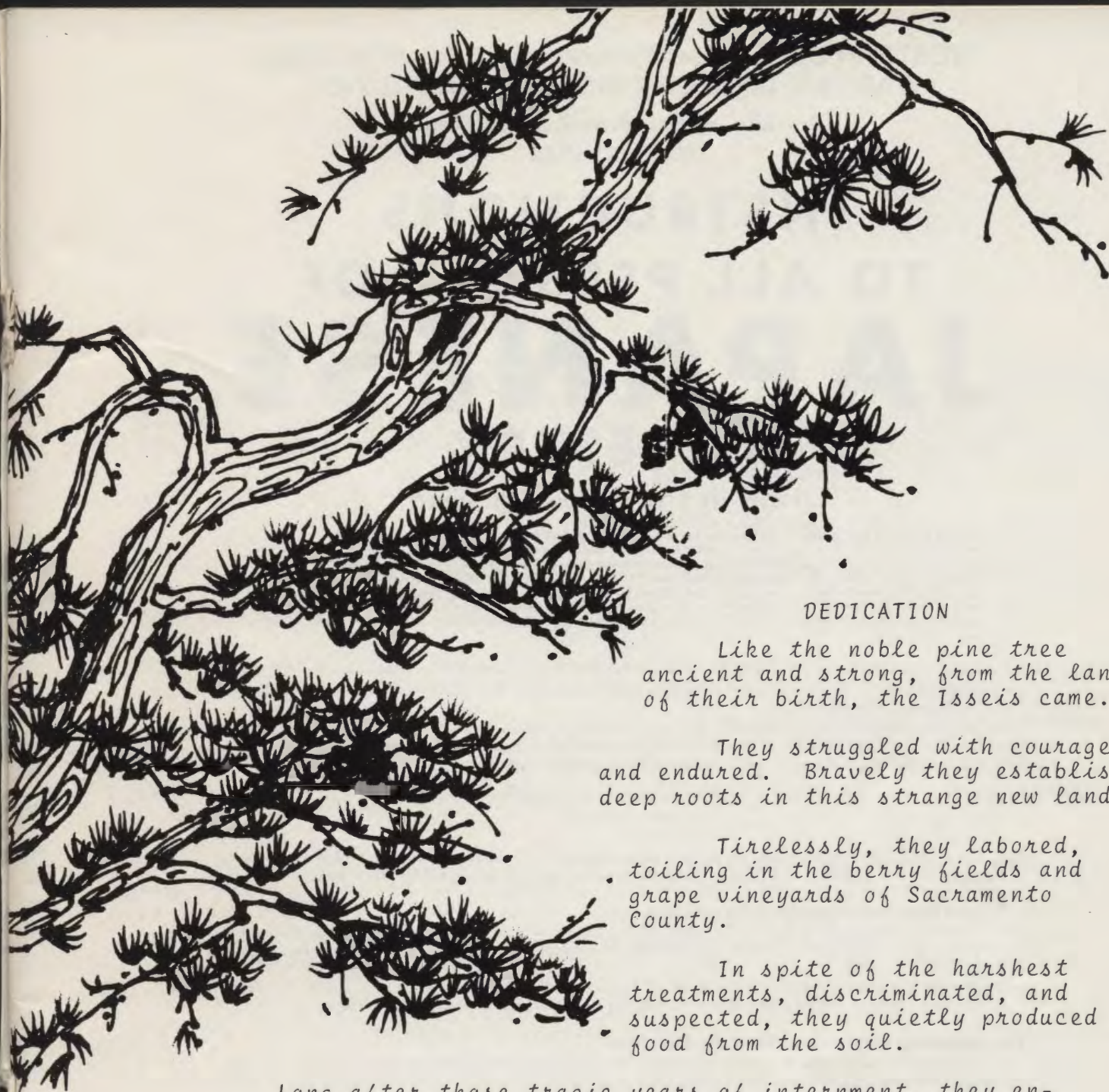
二世三世の我々の諸君か  
その米国の行住と幾多の困難と  
排斥を突破しと現在を基礎と  
築いた功に對しと衷心より敬意  
を表す者でありまはし  
特にそのフロリン地方住が一世諸君が汗  
と油を以て此の野を化し葡萄及ぶ梅の  
栽培に従ふと地方の発展に努まるとい  
ふは其の功績に對しと深き敬意と感謝  
の意を表す者でありまはし



Lillian Sato

COVER STORY

Depicted by artists Gene Viacrusis and Alan Oshima in a simulated woodcut design. The cover shows the Florin Buddhist Temple with strawberries and grapes, the main produce which were shipped by hundreds of freight cars to all parts of the United States. At its peak production in May 1941, the people were uprooted and sent to Concentration Camps, which resulted in the decline of agricultural productivity in the area.



#### DEDICATION

Like the noble pine tree  
ancient and strong, from the land  
of their birth, the Isseis came.

They struggled with courage  
and endured. Bravely they established  
deep roots in this strange new land.

Tirelessly, they labored,  
toiling in the berry fields and  
grape vineyards of Sacramento  
County.

In spite of the harshest  
treatments, discriminated, and  
suspected, they quietly produced  
food from the soil.

Long after those tragic years of internment, they endeavored to make a good life for their children and their children. Proudly they, too, gave their utmost. Loyal Niseis, their sons, offered their lives as a supreme sacrifice to win the War and to gain freedom for their families.

We admire their indomitable spirit as pioneers in our country's history. We accept with deep humility their cherished legacy.

We honor them at this historic Florin Area Reunion by dedicating *this* commemorative booklet to all the Isseis we had known and loved.

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY  
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

Presidio of San Francisco, California

May 23, 1942

INSTRUCTIONS  
TO ALL PERSONS OF  
**JAPANESE**  
ANCESTRY

Living in the Following Area:

All that portion of the Counties of Sacramento and Amador, State of California, within the boundary beginning at a point at which California State Highway No. 16 intersects California State Highway No. 49, approximately two miles south of Plymouth; thence southerly along said Highway No. 49 to the Amador-Calaveras County Line; thence westerly along the Amador-Calaveras County Line to the Amador-San Joaquin County Line; thence northerly along the Amador-San Joaquin County Line to the Sacramento-San Joaquin County Line; thence westerly along the Sacramento-San Joaquin County Line to the easterly line of the right of way of the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad from Lodi to Sacramento; thence northerly along said easterly line to its crossing with California State Highway No. 16; thence easterly along said Highway No. 16 to point of beginning.

Pursuant to the provisions of Civilian Exclusion Order No. 92, this Headquarters, dated May 23, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above area by 12 o'clock noon, P. W. T., Saturday, May 30, 1942.

No Japanese person will be permitted to move into, or out of, the above area after 12 o'clock noon, P. W. T., Saturday, May 23, 1942, without obtaining special permission from the representative of the Commanding General, Northern California Sector, at the Civil Control Station located at:

Masonic Hall,  
Elk Grove, California.

Such permits will only be granted for the purpose of uniting members of a family, or in cases of grave emergency. The Civil Control Station is equipped to assist the Japanese population affected by this evacuation in the following ways:

1. Give advice and instructions on the evacuation.
2. Provide services with respect to the management, leasing, sale, storage or other disposition of most kinds of property, such as real estate, business and professional equipment, household goods, boats, automobiles and livestock.
3. Provide temporary residence elsewhere for all Japanese in family groups.
4. Transport persons and a limited amount of clothing and equipment to their new residence.

**The Following Instructions Must Be Observed:**

1. A responsible member of each family, preferably the head of the family, or the person in whose name most of the property is held, and each individual living alone, will report to the Civil Control Station to receive further instructions. This must be done between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Sunday, May 24, 1942, or between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Monday, May 25, 1942.

2. Evacuees must carry with them on departure for the Assembly Center, the following property:
- (a) Bedding and linens (no mattress) for each member of the family;
  - (b) Toilet articles for each member of the family;
  - (c) Extra clothing for each member of the family;
  - (d) Essential personal effects for each member of the family.

All items carried will be securely packaged, tied and plainly marked with the name of the owner and numbered in accordance with instructions obtained at the Civil Control Station. The size and number of packages is limited to that which can be carried by the individual or family group.

3. No pets of any kind will be permitted.

4. No personal items and no household goods will be shipped to the Assembly Center.

5. The United States Government through its agencies will provide for the storage, at the sole risk of the owner, of the more substantial household items, such as iceboxes, washing machines, pianos and other heavy furniture. Cooking utensils and other small items will be accepted for storage if crated, packed and plainly marked with the name and address of the owner. Only one name and address will be used by a given family.

6. Each family, and individual living alone, will be furnished transportation to the Assembly Center. Private means of transportation will not be utilized. All instructions pertaining to the movement will be obtained at the Civil Control Station.

**Go to the Civil Control Station between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M., Sunday, May 24, 1942, or between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M., Monday, May 25, 1942, to receive further instructions.**

J. L. DeWITT  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

Dear Friends of Florin Area:

Welcome to this happy reunion. We take this special opportunity to honor the Isseis whose many contributions during their long lifetime have added greatly to the progress of the Nikkeijins in America. We feel that not enough has been expressed to the Isseis who deserve our deep gratitude and great admiration.

We marvel at the superb courage it took the Isseis to leave their homes and families in Japan as teenagers and young adults. When they came to America they often found they were not welcome. They endured untold hardships of degradation and isolation as they toiled long hours to make a living for their families.

Patiently they sacrificed whatever small pleasures and luxuries they wanted so that their families could survive. Diligently they guided their children to become good citizens of this country. The Isseis nurtured in us values from their cultural heritage that made Niseis strong and brave heroes of our U.S.A. The Sanseis, their grandchildren have become worthy citizens we can be greatly proud.

Today, there are only a few Isseis left. We cherish remembering many activities and special contributions they made for all of us in pre-war old Florin days. We have not forgotten their dedicated service and their unfailing guidance and support that made each community a beautiful place to live. We shall always treasure these memories.

On this most significant occasion of our pre-evacuation Florin Area Reunion, may we express our deepest appreciation to all the Isseis. May there be for you much happiness and good health for many, many years to come.

Sincerely,

*Masayoshi Ito, Dr. Mas.*  
*Herb Kurima*

Issei Program Committee

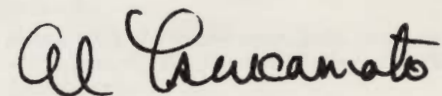
Dr. Masayoshi Ito and  
Herbert Kurima, Cochairmens

We welcome all of you back to Florin after thirty-nine long years. The Town as we knew it then no longer exists. Yet the fond memories we have of our young formative years is always vivid in our minds. We sincerely hope this reunion experience will be a happy one.

Our former bustling strawberries and grapes economy is nowhere to be seen. Time has completely changed our former life style. The saddest change is the absence of the first generation folks to whom we all owe so much. All of you have carried on so admirably from where your parents left off. I'm sure if they were here now, they would be proud of your accomplishments and contributions to America.

We, as a volunteer committee, worked hard to provide you with a program that we hope you will find worth while. We trust you will renew many friendships that long have gone unattended.

HAPPY REUNION!



Al Tsukamoto  
Reunion Committee Chairman

## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FLORIN AREA 1890-1981

Florin history begins for us when the Isseis arrived here around 1890. Kuzo Tsukamoto in 1893 found the Japanese already growing berries and planting young grapevines for the land owners. In the beginning many settled near the town of Florin, mostly on the southwestern area around Gerber Road, Stockton Boulevard, Power Inn Road and South Florin.

The history of the entire area must include a list about the places established by the Japanese people who developed close-knit neighborhood groups in the Elk Grove, Mayhew, Perkins, Brighton and Taishoku, as well as the area closer to the town of Florin.

For important economic reasons, Florin was their business center. A Methodist Church as built in 1915 with a Sunday School and Japanese Language School. In 1919, the Buddhist Temple was erected and established. These two churches offered more than religious, educational activities, weddings and funerals. They became the center for social, athletic and cultural activities important in the nurturing of the Niseis. Hence in 1928, the Japanese Community Hall was built. The YBA Hall was erected in 1939 and a Taisho Hall (so named because Taishoku was settled around the beginning of Emperor Taisho's reign) was built in 1930.

Each outlying area eventually started a Japanese Language School. Mayhew also built a Sunday School and Baptist Church in 1930.

But the most profound and astounding contribution made by the Japanese population highly concentrated in this southeastern Sacramento County was the amazing feat of transforming what was once a quiet wheat and dairy farm community of 1890 into a bustling active strawberry and grape producing community. It is a remarkable record. One peak season, 129 carloads of perishable berries were shipped out, making Florin one of the nation's top berry producing Capital. As for the grape industry, Florin shipped 130 carloads of choice flame tokay grapes to the eastern market, one record breaking year, 1941. Sixty percent of the farmers in our community were Issei and Nisei farmers.

Old Florin died when Executive Order 9066 was carried out in May 1942.

Briefly, gallant efforts were made, when about half of the Florinites gradually returned after the end of World War II. We tried to work again in the strawberry and grape industry effort but...

Gradually decisions were made. Other jobs were sought. Farms were sold. Homes in suburbs purchased. Many moved away to start all over again somewhere else. It was as if in a strange dream... we faintly remember that one shining moment...it was a harsh struggle. Yes! but one of deep endearing nostalgia!

Today, Florin is like a shell...a sleepy quiet town. The only surviving functioning place from prewar Florin is the Florin Buddhist Church...a vital religious and cultural center of the county. We pay tribute to a historic place...a fitting place to celebrate our Homecoming Reunion.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

ROBERT T. MATSUI  
3RD DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

On the Occasion of the  
Pre-evacuation Florin Reunion  
October 9 and 10, 1981

I wish to extend warm greetings to the pre-evacuation Florin residents and friends gathered for this memorable reunion.

I know the renewal of acquaintances of 39 years ago and the reminiscences of the pre-evacuation Florin days will be heart-warming, especially for those who have travelled great distances from their homes away from "home". I was but a child at the time of the evacuation, but I feel the warm friendship and camaraderie of Florin residents as much as my parents and you. I know that these two days of October 1981 filled with nostalgic remembrances--some happy, others sad--will be long remembered by all who are present.

Again, I wish you all a very happy and fulfilling reunion.

Sincerely,



*Robert T. Matsui*  
ROBERT T. MATSUI  
Member of Congress





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August 6, 1981

Committee for Florin-Elk Grove  
Reunion

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County, I would like to extend greetings to the Japanese Americans who will gather in Sacramento County on October 10, 1981, for a grand re-union dedicated to the Issei Parents whose homes were once established in the areas of Florin, Elk Grove, Mayhew, Perkins, and Walsh Station, prior to World War II.

Our community today is indebted to these honored individuals for their many contributions to the growth and development of Sacramento. My warm "welcome" to those who have traveled a great distance to return to Sacramento for this reunion. May Sacramento always be a special and warm place for any future visits.


Best luck for a successful reunion!

Sincerely,

*Illa Collin*  
ILLA COLLIN, Chairman  
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

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**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**  **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**DUANE LOWE**  
SHERIFF

October 10, 1981

Pre-War Japanese-American Citizens  
Sacramento, California

My dear fellow Sacramentans,

My heartfelt best wishes go out to you as you meet in Sacramento in commemoration of the internment of thousands of Japanese American citizens over forty years ago. Although I was only eleven years old at the time, I fully recall the event and am all too well aware that many citizens of all ages, some the same age as myself, were forcibly removed from their homes and placed in barbed-wire surrounded prison camps throughout the United States.

This tragedy shall rightfully bear on the conscience of America forever. There are no moneys nor apologies which could possibly serve as an adequate prescription to eradicate the scars in the psyche of those of you who are living. The greatest tragedy perhaps of all is the Japanese American Citizens who endured this experience and have since passed on; those who died with grief-stricken hearts because of America's unparalleled oppression.

Because of the wonderful quality of people that you are, you not only demonstrated great courage on the battlefield in Italy, but you also bounced back socially and economically. I pray that Divine Providence will bless you all; that your psychological wounds can be mended, and that as a result of this experience the United States of America shall have learned that the Constitution guarantees liberties for all citizens—not just a chosen few.

Sincerely,

*Duane Lowe*  
DUANE LOWE, SHERIFF

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## From the Dakuzakus

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RUTH KIINO  
ALFRED I. & MARY T. TSUKAMOTO  
ISABEL OSHIRO  
ART & JEAN V. KAKU  
GEORGE T. & GRACE C. DAKUZAKU



CHOSEI TARO and KAME DAKUZAKU

We Express Grateful Tribute As We Recall:

TARO was seventeen years old when he left his mother and KAME in Okinawa--crossed the ocean; worked a while in Hawaii and arrived in San Francisco. One month later, the Great San Francisco Earthquake and fire drove him out of the city. He found his way to Florin but did not stay.

He worked as a cook for the railroad gang. Later, he and his brother, and friends started a laundry on Geary Street in San Francisco and operated it for several years. Then, he tried farming melons in Turlock, peaches in Parlier. Finally in 1925, he brought his six children and came to Florin to raise strawberries.

The evacuation order sent the Dakuzakus to Fresno Assembly Center and Jerome. They relocated to Chicago and Kalamazoo, Michigan, where they all worked at a bakery during the night shift.

The youngest two were in the service, George in the Army and Julia in the WAC.

In July 1945 TARO brought his family back to his farm on Gerber Road to plant berries again.

We cherish the memory of Pvt. Julia Toshiko Dakuzaku whose life was over at 21.

TARO lived till 78 and KAME till 91.

## Best Wishes for a Happy Reunion From the Tsukamotos

AL, MARY & MARIELLE TSUKAMOTO  
MARGARET (TSUKAMOTO) OGATA  
EDITH (TSUKAMOTO) OUCHIDA  
NAMI (TSUKAMOTO) KING



KUZO AND ITO TSUKAMOTO

*We cherish happy memories.*

*In grateful tribute we recall: Early in 1893 KUZO TSUKAMOTO came to Florin at the age of 25 to work. Already there were Japanese farm laborers and a few growing strawberries.*

*ITO TSUKAMOTO came from Hiroshima in 1902 with her nephew, ETSUZO KADOKAWA, adopted and educated as GEORGE TSUKAMOTO. Only one or two other Japanese women were in Florin.*

*They raised their family and farmed strawberries and grapes for fifty years till evacuated on May 19, 1942. KUZO was 75 and ITO 63 that year. They were interned at Fresno, Jerome and Gila. In August 1943 returned again in Florin. They lived till he was 97 and she was 91.*

*GEORGE TSUKAMOTO and his family were in Manzanar and Seabrooks then back to Los Angeles. GEORGE lived till 75 in 1970.*

**We Respectfully Dedicate This Space to Two Great  
Issei Pioneers.**

*Our Late Father - Shigeroku Matsumoto*

*Our Late Mother - Ine Matsumoto*

TO EACH OF YOU -- A HAPPY RE-UNION

*Yoshimi and George Matsumoto*

*Sueko and Frank Matsumoto*

*Dorothy (Matsumoto) and Yoneji Ito*

*Mary (Matsumoto) and Joe Ota*

*May and William 'Bill' Matsumoto*

*Ella and Bob Matsumoto*

*Gladys (Matsumoto) and Henry Katsuki*



IN REMEMBRANCE OF

Tokumatsu Miyao — Father  
Yae Miyao — Mother

GREETINGS

IRENE K. SHISHIDO  
(Miyao)

IN MEMORY OF

MR. & MRS. TOYOZO HIRATA

MR. & MRS. ITARO ODA

AND MY HUSBAND

YOSHIRO HIRATA

MERRY (ODA) HIRATA

*Wishing you a successful reunion*



## Greeting and a Happy Reunion From the Ouchida Family

EDITH HISAKO OUCHIDA  
KENNETH OUCHIDA  
LUCILLE YOKOTA  
EARL OUCHIDA  
LESTER OUCHIDA  
HAROLD OUCHIDA JR.  
WAYNE OUCHIDA

HAROLD YASUJI OUCHIDA

*In Grateful Tribute We Recall:*

HAROLD YASUJI OUCHIDA was born in 1905 near Red Bluff to Shosuki and Soyo Ouchida. He graduated Elk Grove High School in 1923.

With his wife, EDITH, they settled in a home on McComber Road. He was the co-owner of a strawberry produce shipping company, the Northern California Farms Co.

Military orders ended the entire economic enterprise of the Florin community, including all the produce companies. The family was sent to Fresno Assembly Center, Jerome, then Gila. HAROLD recruited workers for Seabrook Farms and worked in Bridgeton, New Jersey, before returning with his family to Florin.

For a few years the strawberry shed was opened for a small group of berry growers. Many gathered to stem berries to freeze for the ice cream company, but this did not last long.

HAROLD OUCHIDA's life was over at age 59.

We Respectfully Dedicate This Space to Two  
Happy Reunions

# May You Have a Wonderful Reunion

THE NAKAYAMA FARMS  
*Woodland, California*

MACK, MARY *and* NOBORU NAKAYAMA



STORY STORY

Created by artist  
Charles D. ...  
December 1957  
through the  
and published in  
California ...  
project ...

# Best Wishes and Happy Reunion!

ROY YOSHINAGA

HANNA YOSHINAGA



*In memory of:*

ASAKICHI YOSHINAGA

TOKI YOSHINAGA

ELLA YOSHINAGA

HARUYE YOSHINAGA



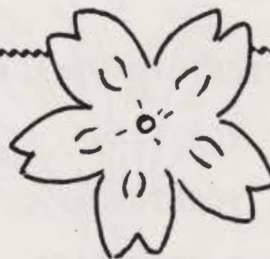
## May You Have a Wonderful Reunion!

*Will miss meeting all of you!*



ARTHUR SHIOHAMA

Los Angeles



## We Extend Our Best Wishes For a Very Happy Reunion!

*Sorry we cannot attend.*

ATSUMI and YEMI (MURAKAMI) ETO



## Best Wishes for a Grand Reunion From the Tsukamoto Brothers

SAM TSUKAMOTO  
ISAMU TSUKAMOTO  
YOSHIO TSUKAMOTO  
BILL TSUKAMOTO  
JIM TSUKAMOTO

KANEKICHI and HATSU TSUKAMOTO

*In Grateful Tribute, We Recall:*

KANEKICHI arrived in America around 1908 and tried working in many places. Finally settled with his wife HATSU in Courtland for a number of years. In 1928 moved to Florin. Eventually found Bradshaw Road farm a place to plant berries and grapes. In May 1942 they were sent to Fresno, then Jerome, Arkansas, then Rohwer before returning to Elk Grove on Bradshaw Road farm.

KANEKICHI lived till 67 years of age. Hatsu lived to be 80. They sent two sons to serve our country, Yoshio and Bill.



*Best Wishes for a Successful Reunion*

THE NITTA FAMILY

JOICHI NITTA  
CONNIE MIYOKO YAMADA  
GRACE NOBUKO KONO  
DORIS YUKIKO TAKETA

SHIZUKO NITTA

*In Loving Tribute, we Recall:*

SHIZUKO KADOKAWA arrived in Florin from Hiroshima in 1918 as a teenager to her aunt's place, Ito (Kadokawa) Tsukamoto.

JOICHI NITTA and SHIZUKO were married and settled on a forty acre farm on Florin Perkins Road

World War II found them confined at the Fresno Assembly Center, Jerome and Rohwer, Arkansas, and returned to their farm again in the fall of 1945.

They continued to farm for a number of years until retirement. SHIZUKO lived till she was seventy.





**SACRAMENTO JAPANESE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

6929 FRANKLIN BOULEVARD  
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**Best Wishes for a Happy Reunion!**

*The Florin Methodist Church was built on Florin Road in 1915 where young Niseis were given Sunday School and Japanese language classes, as well as religious services for the people.*

*In 1928, they built a fine hall to accommodate many community activities and established a strong congregation by 1942...Executive Order 9066 abruptly ended all activities in Florin. After the War, the Church program was resumed but many had not returned and others moved away. A merger was made with the Sacramento Japanese Pioneer Methodists in 1968. Florin moved to this new site on Franklin Boulevard where a strong church has been established after the merger. It is now known as the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church.*



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**Top Row — Left to Right:** Sam Kawamura, Mgr., Percy Nakashima, Tosh Tominaga, Jack Takahashi, Cliff Swesey, Mgr., George Yamada, Howard Tahara, Shig Sakamoto, Sid Ishizaki. **Bottom Row — Left to Right:** Masao Yamamoto, George Yamamoto, Norio Tominago, George Matsumoto, Frank Yamada, Bill Matsumoto, Tad Sasaki.

## Best Wishes for a Happy Reunion From Former Elk Grove Residents

DOROTHY (MATSUMOTO) & YONEJI ITO  
 Mrs. HISAYO KANAI  
 Mr. & Mrs. SAM KANAI  
 JEAN & AL KANEMOTO  
 MARY & KENJI KUROSAKI  
 HIROSHI KUROSAKI  
 YOSHIMI & GEORGE MATSUMOTO  
 SUE & FRANK MATSUMOTO  
 MAY & WILLIAM MATSUMOTO  
 YURI & BILL MAYEDA  
 Gladys (Matsumoto) Katsuki

Mrs. A. MAYEDA  
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 AILEEN & PERCY NAKASHIMA  
 LOIS (YOSHINAGA) & THOMAS NAKASHIMA  
 MARY (MATSUMOTO) & JOE OTA  
 NANCY (KOZUMI) & ROY SUMIDA  
 Mrs. MARY SAKAMOTO  
 EMILY (UYEMURA) & HOWARD TAHARA  
 DOROTHY (OKU) & GEORGE YAMAMOTO  
 JAYNE (SAKO) & MITS YAMAMOTO



## MAYHEW COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

### MAYHEW CHURCH

began as the Camellia Mission in the 1920's under the auspices of the Baptist Church, serving the Japanese Immigrants in the 47th Avenue and Franklin Boulevard Area. As the farmers moved to Mayhew, Sunday School was started in the Machida's home in 1927 until Mayhew Hall was built on Kiefer Road. Reverend Muraoka continued to serve out of Camellia Mission. For many long years, Mr. Kobata fired up the stove before the arrival of the children each Sunday. Other names on the early Church roster were: Kitada, Sakuma, Toguchi, Matsumoto, Yamasaki, Abe, Iwasa, Kawamura, Ogawa, Deguchi, Satow and Sato.



In 1941, Under Executive Order 9066, the area evacuees stored their lifetime belongings in the church and were taken for internment to a Concentration Camp on the Arizona Desert which was to last for three and one half years. When the ban was lifted on the West Coast in January 1945, they return to find the Church burned to the ground. The evacuees rebuilt the church on land which was donated by Mr & Mrs Riichi Satow.

While under the service of the Reverend Igarashi, Mayhew Mission was incorporated into Mayhew Community Baptist Church. Those Serving the church through the years have been missionaries Mrs. Edna Clingan Hansen, Mrs. Goldie Nicholson Yasunaga, Miss Mary Opal Crone, Miss Eleanor Crone, and Pastors Ishihara, Holbrook, Coffee, Uzzel and Marrs.

The Mayhew Community Baptist Church, now a multi-racial congregation, has continued to meet the needs of the community under the leadership of Pastor John Ellis for the past eleven years.

OUR VERY BEST WISHES  
FOR A SUCCESSFUL REUNION

IN MEMORY OF

KURAKICHI AND TOMI TOKUMURA



HARUKO KANEMORI  
HARRY TOKUMURA  
FRED AND ALICE NODA

## In Memory of Kumakichi and Yashi Takeoka



Mikio and Masako Takeoka

Daughters: Tom and Nancy Oda  
and Family



Walter and Mary Otani  
and Family

Henry and Alice Hirata  
and Family

Tadashi and Mituye Takeoka

Daughters: Wally and Jeannie Dobroff  
and Family

Ruby Takeoka

Kanao Takeoka



George and Yuri Takeoka

Sons: George Jr. & Jean (Lim)  
Takeoka and Family

Dennis and Marlene (Ishii)  
Takeoka and Family



TO DEDICATE THIS EVENT TO THE ISSEI PIONEERS IS  
MOST APPROPRIATE  
I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ALL OF YOU IN EXPRESSING MY  
MY SINCERE THANKS TO  
EACH OF THEM, FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

HAVE A HAPPY RE-UNION!!-HAVE FUN!!

TAKESHI OKAMOTO  
Manager  
Sumitomo Bank of California  
Broadway Branch

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# fuji sukiyaki

## JAPANESE CUISINE

Sukiyaki prepared at your table

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In Memorium to our departed Parents, we wish to commemorate this space to express our respect:

CHUSAKU ABE 1873-1962 TSUNE ABE 1875-1966

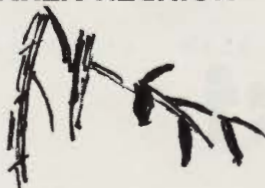
Both Mother and Father landed in Oakland, California in the year 1906, spending approximately one year in Hawaii. Farmed grapes and strawberries on Rural Route 2, Jackson Highway near Walsh Station.

GEORGE TADAO ABE & FAMILY  
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We wish to commemorate this space to express our respect to our parents:

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Father came directly to Taishoku area in 1907 followed by mother some two years later. Farmed grapes and strawberries until he returned to Japan in 1939.

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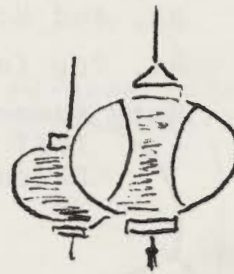
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*In Grateful Tribute:*

HIDESABURO and MIKA YOSHIDA

HIDESABURO YOSHIDA came to the U.S.A. in 1901. He made up his mind this was a good land. In 1903 he went back to Japan to bring his family to America. They were maternal grandparents of Percy and Tom Nakashima.

Their uncle, Frank Yoshida, was the first Japanese to graduate from Elk Grove High School in 1916.



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## In Memory of Genkichi Sekikawa

To all who were able to join the former Florinites on this happy occasion we the children of GENKICHI SEKIKAWA wish to join our mother, FUDEYO, in wishing everyone a grand time.

Rose Yamamoto - Cleveland, Ohio  
Ted Sekikawa - Sacramento, California  
Howard Sekikawa - Chicago, Illinois  
George Sekikawa - Chicago, Illinois  
Eleanor Ikesaki - Sacramento, California  
Bill Sekikawa - Sacramento, California  
Sam Sekikawa - Sacramento, California  
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GENKICHI's went to his heavenly home at the age of 61.

## In Memory of our Parents

NAOTARO and TSUMAYO KAWAMURA

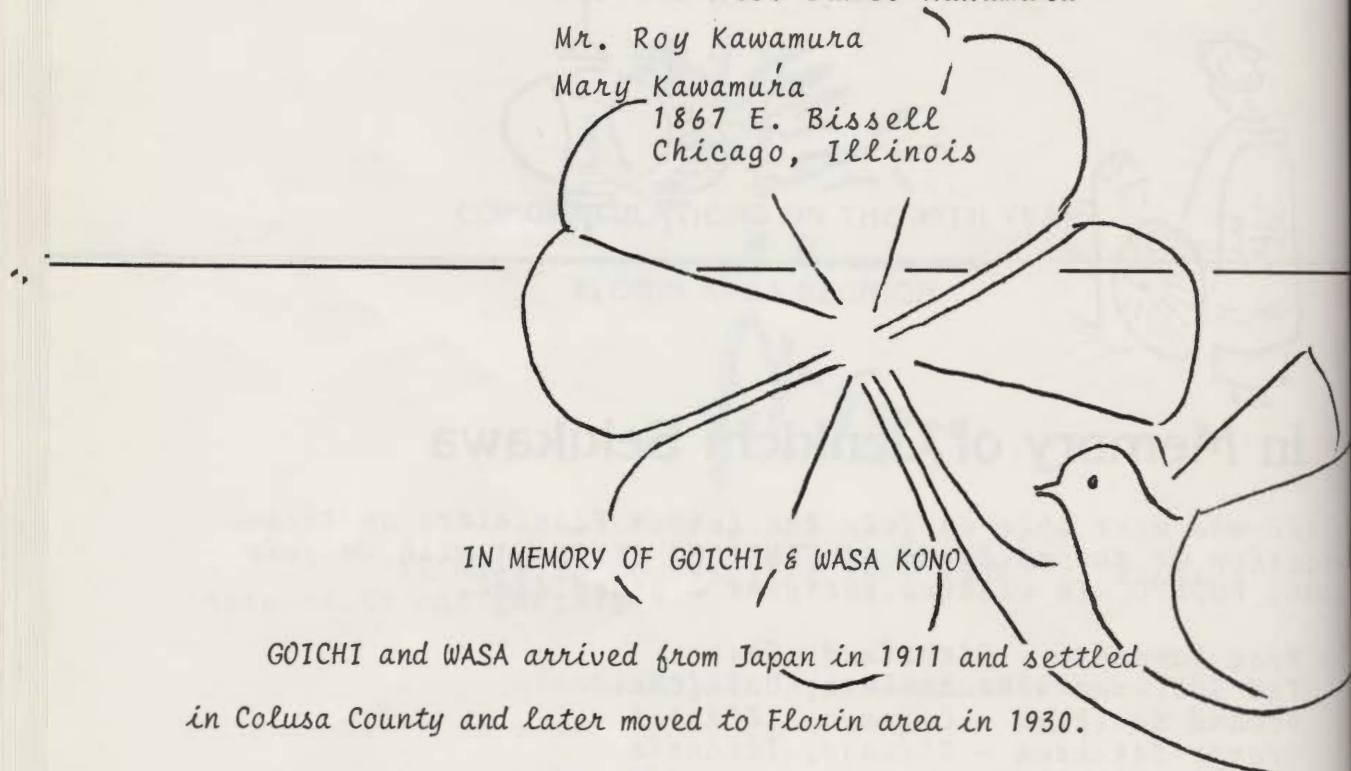
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IN MEMORY OF GOICHI & WASA KONO

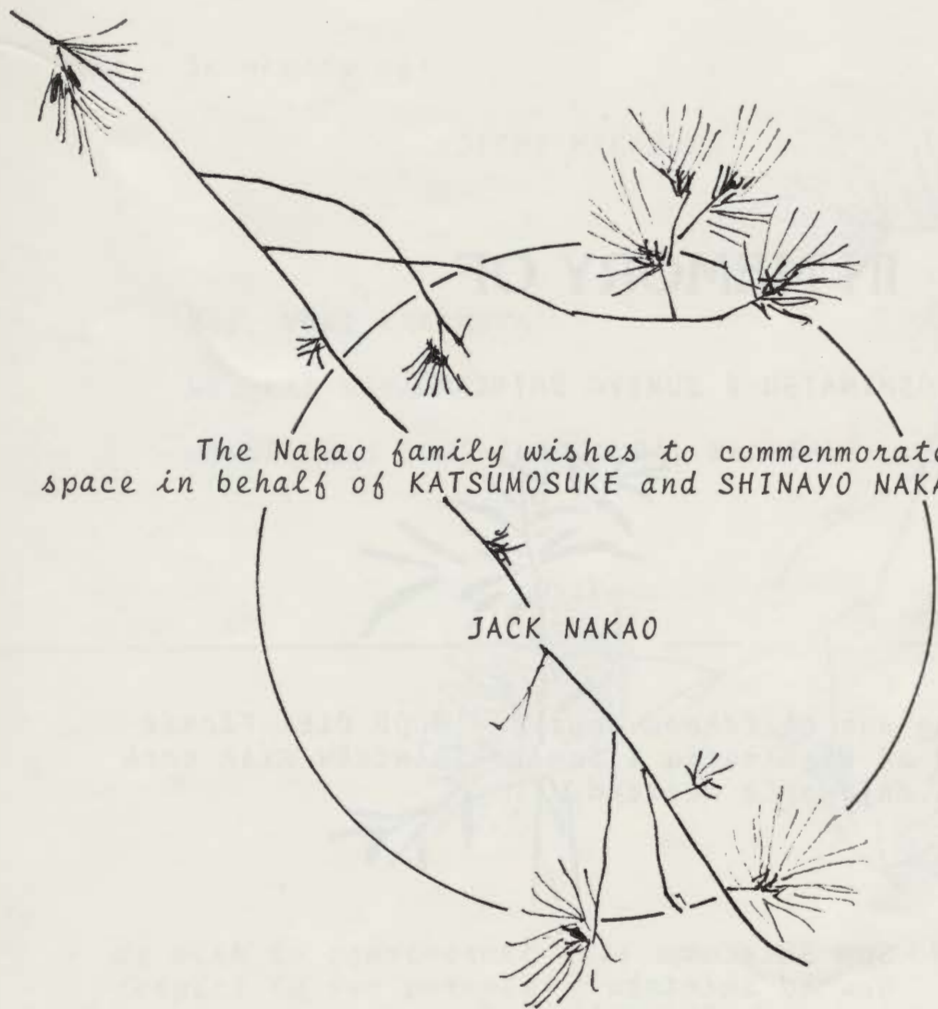
GOICHI and WASA arrived from Japan in 1911 and settled  
in Colusa County and later moved to Florin area in 1930.

KERN & GRACE KONO

CHARLENE KONO (Granddaughter)

BRIAN KONO (Grandson)

Best Wishes  
and  
Happy Reunion!



The Nakao family wishes to commenorate this  
space in behalf of KATSUMOSUKE and SHINAYO NAKAO

JACK NAKAO

Best Wishes

In Memory of our Parents

## IN MEMORY OF

YOSHIMATSU & SUMIYO SHINTAKU



Remembering our childhood days in 'GOOD OLE' Florin  
we the childred of Yoshimatsu & Sumiyo Shintaku wish each  
and everyone an enjoyable weekend.

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Howard Shintaku  
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Raymond Shintaku  
Mrs. Tatsuo Yamamoto

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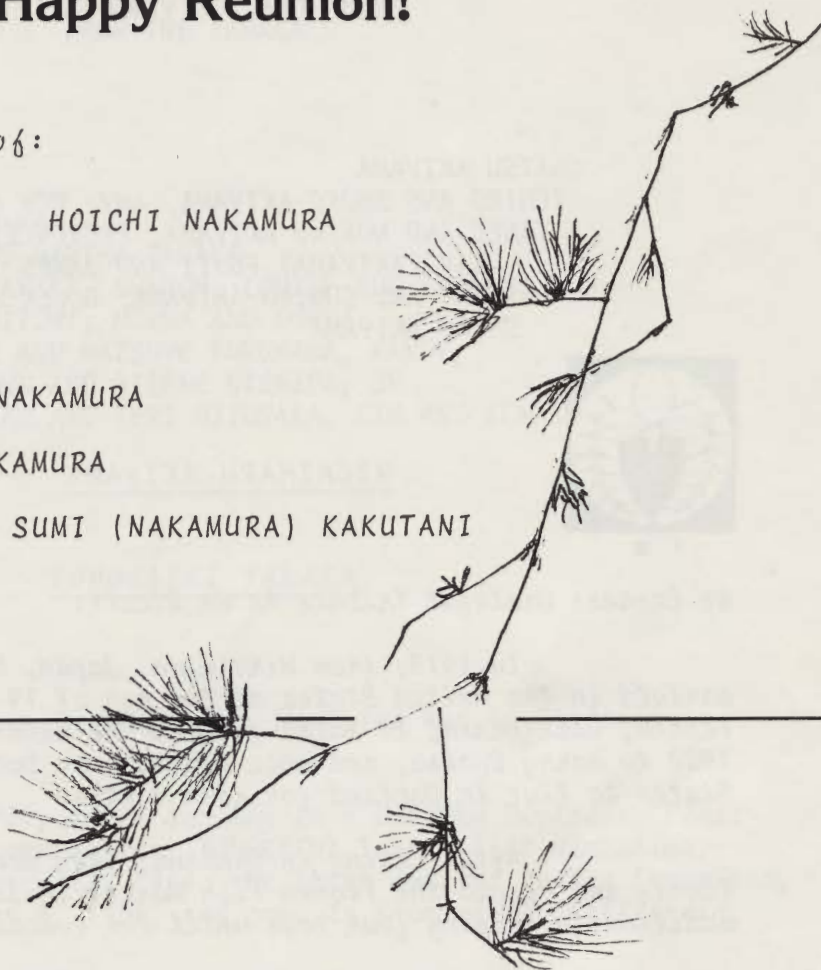
*In memory of:*

HOICHI NAKAMURA

Mrs. YUKI NAKAMURA

Ms. KAE NAKAMURA

MINORU and SUMI (NAKAMURA) KAKUTANI



*We wish to commemorate this space to express our  
respect to our parents:*

ITARO & CHIZURU ODA

*Wishing everyone a happy reunion ---*

TOM & ALICE MATSUMOTO

# Best Wishes for a Happy Reunion

FROM THE AKIYAMA'S

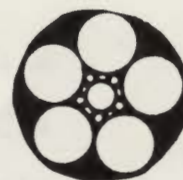
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ALBERT AND SUMIKO AKIYAMA, ROGER AND ROBERT  
SHIRO AKIYAMA



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MICHIHARU AKIYAMA



We Express Grateful Tribute As We Recall:

In 1913, from Hiroshima, Japan, MICHIHARU AKIYAMA arrived in the United States at the age of 19 and settled in Florin, California, to raise grapes. He returned to Japan in 1920 to marry Onatsu, and once again, came back to the United States to live in Oakland for four months.

After living in Oakland, they decided to settle in Florin and opened the Florin Fish Market in January, 1924, in addition to raising four boys until the evacuation.

However, MICHIHARU was seized by the FBI in February of 1942 and was confined for four months at Angel Island and at Sharp Park near Half Moon Bay, California. He was later transferred to Santa Fe Internment Camp until April, 1943.

His family was evacuated and interned at the Fresno Assembly Center; Rohwer and Jerome, Arkansas. In May of 1943, MICHIHARU and his family were united at Crystal City Internment Camp, Texas, until December, 1945, when they were sent to Japan via Seattle, Washington.

In the mid 1950's, the Akiyama family returned to settle in Sacramento.

MICHIHARU lived until 69 in 1963.



# Greetings and a Happy Reunion to Old and New Friends

FROM THE TANAKA'S

SEKIYO TANAKA  
GEORGE AND MARTHA TANAKA  
TOSHIO TANAKA, SHARON, LOUISE AND SUSAN  
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WILLIAM AND TERI MIZUSAKA, KIM AND LENARD



TOMOKICHI TANAKA

*We Cherish Many Happy Memories And In Grateful  
Tribute, We Recall:*

*In 1904, after serving in a Calvary Division, First  
Class, in the Russo-Japanese War, TOMOKICHI TANAKA left Hiroshima,  
Japan, to Hawaii on March 25, 1906. He later arrived in San Francisco,  
California, on November 8, 1906, and came to Sacramento, California,  
two days later.*

*He worked on farms picking fruits in the Newcastle  
area and hops in Sacramento and various other places. Sekiyo came in  
1914 as a bride from Hiroshima and settled together with TOMOKICHI in  
Florin, California, on September, 1915, to grow grapes and strawberries.*

*They raised five children until evacuation orders  
sent them in May, 1942, to Arboga Assembly Center near Marysville,  
California, then to Tulelake, California; Jerome, Arkansas; and  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming.*

*In early August of 1945, TOMOKICHI and his family  
returned to their ranch to resume farming again.*

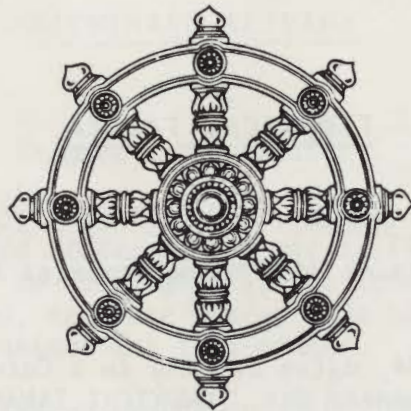
*Toshio was in the service from March 1941-1945.*

*TOMOKICHI lived until 89 in 1970.*

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# Happy Reunion and Best Wishes

Children of late KOTARO and TOKU HIROHATA

TOMOMI (Deceased)  
MIYUKI  
JOHN  
FRANK  
PAUL  
ALBERT  
BESSIE  
HERBERT



## Best Wishes for a Grand Reunion

FROM THE DEGUCHI FAMILIES



FUMIKO DEGUCHI  
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TOKUZO - YUI - TSUNEO

*In Grateful and Loving Tribute, We Recall:*

*In early 1902, Tokuzo left his native home in Japan for Hawaii, few years later to this new land, America, working as laborer. In 1915, he was joined by his wife, Yui, and son, Tsuneo. As the years passed, in 1924, Fumiko joined her husband Tsuneo and started their farming in Fruitridge-Oak Park area. In 1926, moved to Mayhew, where they continued raising grapes and strawberries. In May of 1942, the family was evacuated to Pinedale Assembly Center and then on to Poston Relocation Center in Arizona, and returned to their farm again in 1945. Tokuzo passed away in November 1957 at the age of 86, his wife Yui a year later at the age of 84, their son Tsuneo in February 1976 at the age of 77.*

*Fumiko, age 77, is still very active in community affairs, enjoying her children, grand-children and great grand-children plus all her dear friends.*

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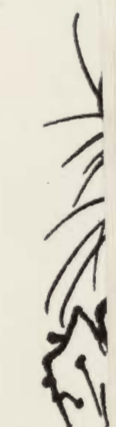


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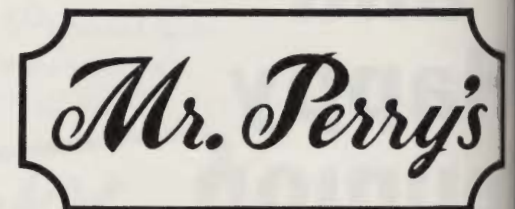
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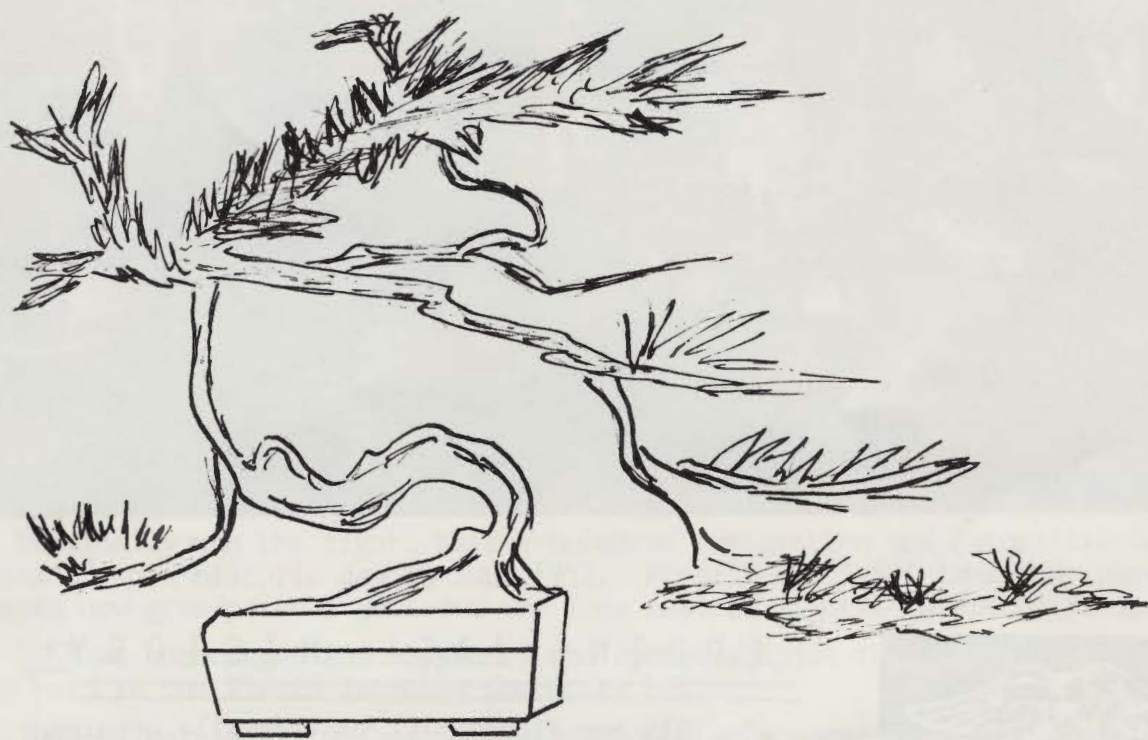
MASAICHI UCHIDA had arrived in America from Hiroshima around 1906 or 1907. He had worked hard in many places struggling to make some head way with his great hopes and dreams.

Around 1908 with his wife, SHIZUE, they settled on a farm on Florin Road. After World War I, many Florin farmers became prosperous. Crops were good. The Uchidas took their family for a visit to Japan but returned to Florin to farm again. In 1942 with eleven children and several grandchildren they were sent to Manzanar. They relocated to Maryland and experienced much hardship.

In Los Angeles MASAICHI started life all over again as a gardener. Most of the Uchidas have settled in the Los Angeles area.



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## FLORIN J.A.C.L. HISTORY



In 1935 our Florin JACL was formally organized with Yoshio Kiino as our first President. (Interestingly Yosh was the first nisei born in Florin in 1902). It was five years after the National JACL was established in 1930.

We are surprised to learn from a rare picture loaned by Percy Nakashima that recorded the fact that in 1924: Frank Oda (2nd from L. on 3rd Row) and Percy's Aunt Marian T. Yoshida (3rd from Left-front row) represented Florin at a mini-convention of the American Loyalty League held in San Francisco. It was the beginning roots of our JACL organization. In the picture we identify other well known nisei leaders. Walter Tsukamoto (2nd from the right, 2nd row), who became our 1st National JACL President and Executive Secretary. Smokey Kuwahara (3rd from left, 3rd row) of Sacramento and Dr. & Mrs. Yatabe of Fresno (1st and 2nd from left, front row), who became our National JACL Pres.

In the 46th year's history, Florin JACL has made some notable contributions because our Florin Community all but vanished from the scene in 1942. Reviving and continuing a vigorous JACL program has been almost impossible. However, we record a few events and actions we are pleased to remember.

1939 we successfully ended the segregated Florin grammar school. This was the beginning of building goodwill and uniting our Florin Community that was once painfully torn apart when the school was segregated in 1923.

Spring of 1942 - We served a shocked population of 2,500 residents of the Florin farming area prepare for removal. The Executive Order 9066 was issued. ~~this~~ close-knit community was dismayed to learn, in the final hours of departure, that we would be divided into 4 parts and sent to four different destinations. This meant completely severing life long friendships that had developed as they had struggled mightily to survive in a hostile environment and endure the harshest deprivation of the great depression. A great number never returned.

1947-1948 With our veteran heroes back working effectively in all corners of America our legislative effort took on new meaning as the National JAACL with Mike Masaoka's inspiring leadership, lead us to be involved in legislative action. We succeeded in getting Congress to pass the Evacuation claim bill. Hundreds in Florin were assisted applying for this payment of token Evacuation losses.

1949-1952 A monumental task of striving for our number one goal was to gain citizenship rights for our aged parents. Time punctuated the urgency of this effort with the astute courageous leadership of our war time JAACL President Saburo Kido and our tireless National Executive Secretary, Mas Satow and Mike Masaoka's capable efforts in Washington, D. C. A rare team of Nisei's lead a growing group of dedicated JAACLers to work for this program.

It became clear that the inspiring war record of our Nisei boys had opened the minds and hearts of many individuals and group to our side. G.I. caucasian buddies returned to protest and continued a relentless fight to finish the battle against prejudice and bigotry on the home front.

The small band of Florin JAACL members got busy with typing parties and hundreds of contacts made during the evacuation, were communicated all over America.

We finally won the fight. Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization bill was passed on a historic day in June 1952. Finally our Issei immigrant parents who were now grandparents achieved the long awaited right to American Citizenship

1953 We encouraged and supported the sponsorship of the Issei Americanization class held in the Florin Japanese Community hall.

1954 In march, sixty Issei's of the Florin area passed the Americanization class and received their American Citizenship papers.

1960-1981 We initiated the Florin JAACL scholarship program in 1960 and have continued the project for 21 years and awarded 18 scholarships to worthy scholars in our area.

1961-1962 We participated in gathering Issei oral history by taping sessions with many small issei groups and sent them on to the National JAACL Issei History Project in U.C.L.A.

1968-1969 Florin JAACL was represented on the planning committee and was actively involved in the celebration of the 100 years since the Japanese came to America. We participated in the Gold Hill festival the Wakamatsu Dedication Ceremony and the Centennial Banquet entertainment program at the Wood Lake Inn.

1979 Florin JAACL worked with the other JAACLs in the valley, planning & carrying out the Tulelake Plaque dedication and pilgrimage to Tulelake in May 1979.

## FLORIN TOWN U.S.A.

It was said that around 1906-1907 there were 5 Caucasian store on main street of Florin Town with only 1 Japanese store. As white landowners discovered how their land could become a great deal more productive by having hard working Japanese farmers plant young grape vines, many more Japanese were encouraged to come and plant strawberries on land between the rows of grapes. Thus a very innovative partnership of two crops, strawberries and grapes changed the economy of this little town community.

In less than 7 years an amazing change had taken place. The Japanese farmers had been attracted to the possibility of working hard. They were eager to try farming in a community where many friends and relatives from their



agricultural southern Japan had come. By this time, nearly a hundred families had leased land - some had found the means to purchase land. By this time, main street Florin by 1913 had 4 Japanese stores and one store run by a white proprietor

The Japanese store filled an important need for the busy farmers who were handicapped in speaking English and found it convenient to trade with those who speaks the language. But all of his special wants in the way of securing Japanese foods were important.

By 1916 the town had flourished with two main churches, the Buddhist Church and the Protestant Church with its own language schools and a thriving bustling community had grown into a most important strawberry growing capital and grape shipping center. The older Nisei's with able Issei business men were engaged in shipping produce business. There were four such businesses working closely with the fruit producing farmers allowing much needed credit till crops were harvested.

By then a huge basket factory was started by an Issei, Mr Y. Nishi. There were 4 important grocery stores that served the Japanese community. T. Tanigawa's was one of the earliest to open a general merchandise store and became an important leader in the community, becoming a valuable pillar of the Buddhist Church. He had come to Florin as a young man and while I. Wada ran the store, T. Tanigawa had a barber shop next door.



KATO'S had a store next to Tanigawas and sold mainly groceries on the West side of town. Noda's operated an ice cream parlor and pool hall, Dr. M. Ito had a clinic in his home as well as an office in Sacramento. Mrs. Shiohama & Mrs. Kawamura were the community mid-wives.

AKIYAMA's had a flourishing business on the East side of the railroad track. Mr. & Mrs. Akiyama had started their store in 1924. The building above them provided a living quarter for a number of families. The MORITA's Barber Shop was next to Akiyama's and in the old Valley Fruit Exchange building, the SASAKI had a Tofu Shop and Mr. NAKAYAMA, the shoe repair shop.



Right along the S.P.R.R. tracks was the R.R. station office, where trains stopped regularly and hundreds of carloads of grapes and cherries were shipped out of Florin.

East of the old Florin School was Hodges Hardware building and Y. OGATA started a grocery store a few years before the war.

Mats Tsuzaki had a reliable garage across the road from Ogatas. Mr. T. UYEKI operated an Ice Cream Parlor & Pool Hall. This briefly was the town that finally disappeared on May 29, 1942.

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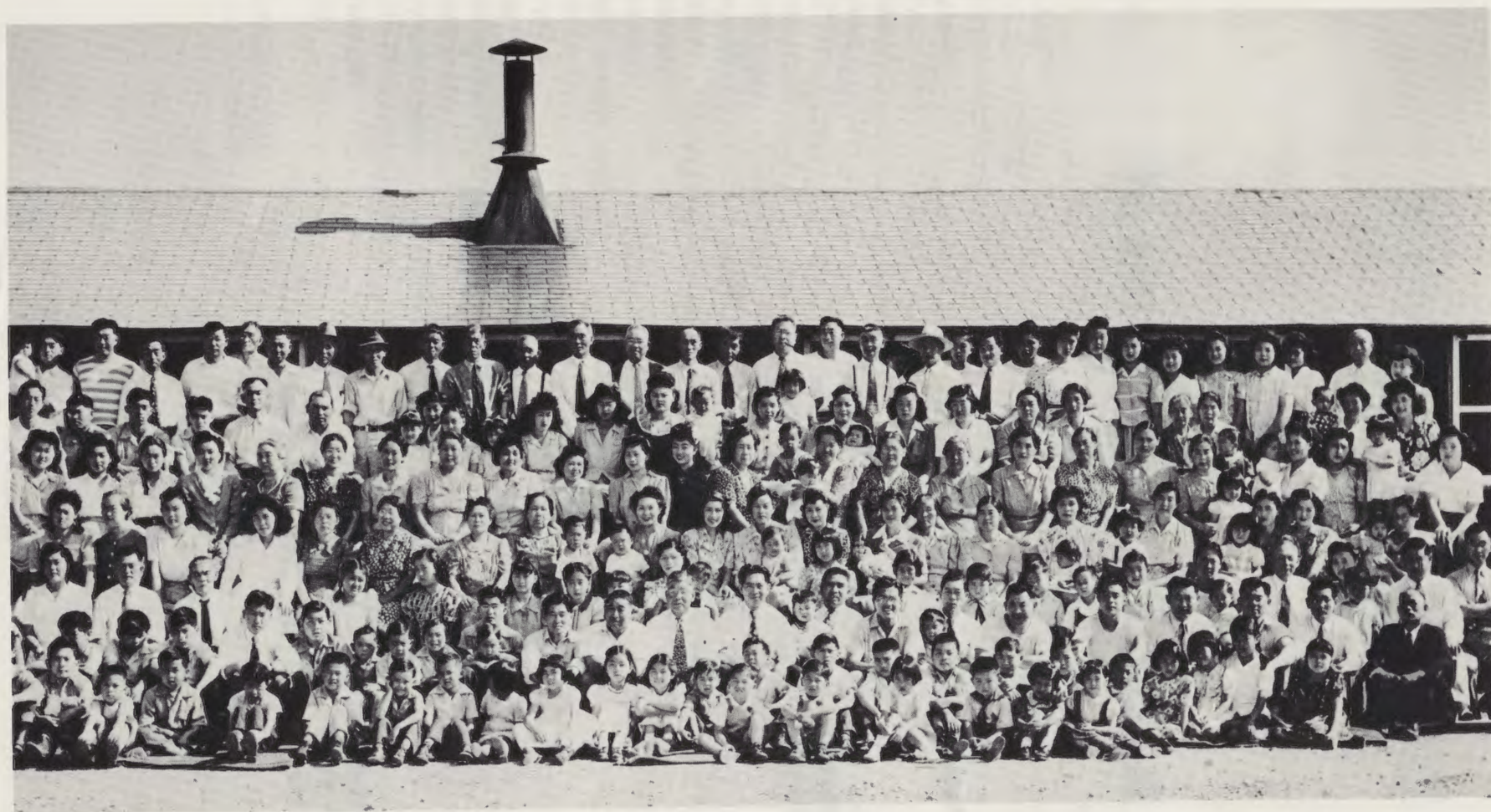
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#### OUR ISSEI'S BECOME AMERICAN CITIZENS

In November 1953 - Florin Chapter JAACL finally succeeded in recruiting Rev. Jun Fujimori to teach an Americanization class to the Issei's.

The Historic Walter McCarran Act was past. At long last the issei's were permitted to become naturalized. The all important Americanization course must be taken and a test passed to receive the coveted United States citizenship papers.

Nearly 100 eager Issei's started the weekly classes. No longer young, they had trouble hearing, seeing, concentrating, remembering. But a remarkable group of 60 finally made it to the graduation ceremony on unforgettable March evening in 1954.

It was a proud day for the Nisei's, Sansei's and yes, even a few Yonsei's who came to witness their white haired great grand parents unbelievably receive their diplomas.

How thrilling to witness their determination and indomitable spirit as they each made such a supreme effort to pass the test and become a United States citizen at last. Our 60 in Florin area a part of the 1,000's of Issei's throughout our land earned the right to become a Citizen of a Country where their sons had fought to win a great war and where a great number lie buried because of what they did for their country.

I shall always glow with great pride remembering Mr. T. Otani's excited voice speaking for the Issei graduating class - "We are now too old to carry a gun to defend our country. We owe a great debt to her for all the years we have been privileged to live here. Our children have had a good education. We ache to show our deep gratitude and affection for a wonderful America. If there is nothing left that we can do for our Country, we shall be glad if we could be allowed to carry a broom and sweep every corner to keep America clean," We could hear a pin drop - and tears glistend in the eyes of many. It was a touching dramatic moment. We shall dearly cherish this moment as we witnessed history taking place before our eyes.



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WE SALUTE OUR NISEI SOLDIERS FROM THE FLORIN AREA

On March 4th, 1942, in the nightmare of anxious days prior to our departure from our farms and homes, we recorded 45 names of our Nisei boys who were in the U. S. Army training to serve our country at war.

In spite of all that happened and perhaps because of these tragic events that happened to the Japanese people, in the winter of 1943, thousands of young nisei's volunteered from the American Concentration Camps to form the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Akira Iwatsuru of Elk Grove was reported in the Denson news as the youngest to volunteer in Jerome. He was only 17 and needed his father's signature on February 1943 when he volunteered to fight for his country. In July of 1943, he and 4 others were the 1st group of volunteers called out of Jerome training for combat duty.

The stories of bravery and courage displayed by the 33,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who saw service in World War II in both the European and Pacific theaters are an impressive legacy to be proudly cherished in our Country's history.

In November this 1981 year at the MIS Reunion to be held at the Presidio in San Francisco, there will be a long awaited documentary unveiled to present to our Country the untold stories of gallantry and supreme dedication of those Nisei's who fought the enemy in the Pacific. The use and exploits of our Nisei linguists in the Pacific Theater of War against the Japanese has not been such a well-known fact. Through their actions and sacrifices, the end of the war was brought to an earlier close and thousands of american soldier's lives were saved.

The 442nd Regimental combat team called the "Purple Heart regiment in 11 months of combat suffered 9,480 casualties. 600 of these valiant men were killed. With their daring 'Go For Broke' motto and brilliant fighting spirit they proved to the people of our USA and for all times that loyalty and patriotism of the Nisei's was truly "a matter of the mind and heart and not of race or religion". They had fought with great intensity hoping to lick the campaign of the racists and to win freedom and justice for their Issie parents and families they had left in a camp surrounded by barbed wire fence..

We honor those from the Florin Area who made the supreme sacrifice for our Country and for all of us.

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- Sgt Tad Takeuchi - Perkins
- Pfc Ben Takemoto - Mayhew

KOREAN WAR - 1951

- Shogo Iwatsuru - Elk Grove





BRIEF NOTES ON  
FLORIN BASEBALL  
HISTORY

Sports activity for recreation, & fun for the young men in our community began long ago in 1915. Yasaburo Tsuda, a young Sunday school teacher and Japanese language school teacher with the first minister of the Florin Methodist Church Reverend Raiichi Manabe gathered the few young men together to form the first Florin Baseball team. Some of the players identified in the photo are:

Yoshio Kiino  
Yoshio Ouchida  
George Tsukamoto  
George Yasui  
Frank Yoshida

NOTE: See Page 80 - Snap shot of baseball players:

Through the years, quite a collection of pictures tell us the story of how the positive spirit of uniting Florin was kept alive by our baseball teams. They made Florin famous. They often were champions, they traveled throughout the state playing with many Japanese American Baseball teams in the towns and cities of California

Many names of fine players who starred on the winning teams and many others whose names and baseball talent supported the Florin team made a remarkable story of years of dedication and unrelenting devotion for a good cause. They kept the teams going for more than 60 years.

Upon evacuation from Florin, it was no surprise to find our favorite players quickly become a Florin baseball team and become the Fresno Assembly Center champions. It continued on to the Jerome, Arkansas Internment Camp and they were the Jerome champions.

Their playing lifted the moral of the evacuees who anguished about their future but needed something to help them cope during the incarceration.

A few years after the war, enough returned to Florin to resume once again a baseball program. A younger generation of nisei players replaced the positions. Today the Sanseis continue to keep a team going and so they will continue in the tradition of glorious baseball past and treasure of the great men who were shining stars in their time.

## Wish You Success in This Reunion!

*Sorry to miss it.*

MIKIO and NORMA (TERASAKI) TANABE

*In Loving Tribute to my Parents:*

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# Greetings!

## We Anticipated With Joy a Happy Reunion

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JUNE SASAKI



### REVEREND YONOSUKI SASAKI

*In grateful and loving tribute we recall:*

YONOSUKI SASAKI, a graduate of Aoyama Gakuen and a young minister in Aomori, came to America to a Sunday School conference in 1925. Kohana Sasaki remained in Japan and taught two years at the Aizu Jogakko Mishima University.

In 1928, Rev. Sasaki returned to Japan to bring his wife, Kohana, and children, Setsuko and Shiibo, to America. They were assigned to the Vacaville Church. In 1932, they came to Florin in the middle of the depression and served for ten productive years, when this was interrupted by military order, which split the community into four parts and we were sadly scattered. They were sent to Tule Lake, to Jerome, then elected to serve in Seabrooks among the evacuees who were employed by the Bird's Eye Company.

In 1956, a severe stroke ended the life of YONOSUKE SASAKI cutting short a dedicated life of serving God and His Church. The family was scattered but Kohana Sasaki and her daughters eventually settled in the Los Angeles area.

In 1978, 145 former Florin Methodist Church members and friends honored Kohana Sasaki on her 80th birthday for her outstanding contribution to teaching and nurturing qualities of cultural values to the Niseis at our church before the war.

*Best Wishes for a  
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FROM THE MIYAO BROTHERS

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JESSE MIYAO

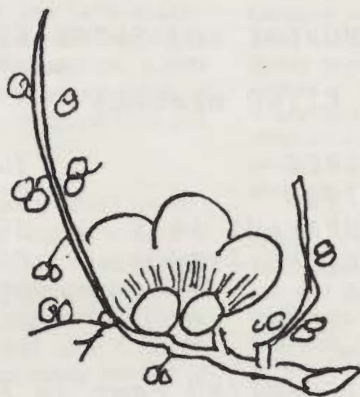
TOKUMATSU and YAE MIYAO

Early in 1895, TOKUMATSU MIYAO left Hiroshima for Hawaii. By 1900 he had come to America. He tried laboring on various farms in Marysville and Yuba City area. Finally came to Florin around 1906. With his wife, YAE, they settled on a farm and raised berries and grape. They were evacuated to Tule Lake. Sons were in the service. Tokumatsu lived till 76 and YAE till 85.



## Welcome to Florin Area Reunion

*Jim and Natsuko (Nakamura) Ishii  
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and daughter Jeanine  
Curtis Ishii*



## Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy Reunion.

THE KISHABA BROTHERS

*In loving tribute we recall:*

KAMEI and YOSHIKO KISHABA

*Around 1905 KAMEI KISHABA arrived in San Francisco. He tried many different jobs and finally came to Florin in 1918. A young teacher from Okinawa, YOSHIKO, joined him and settled on a farm in South Florin. Twenty-four years later, with six sons, they were sent to Tule Lake. They returned to farm again in South Florin after the War. KAMEI lived to be 63 and YOSHIKO till 82.*

## Best Wishes from the Kiino Family for a Fine Reunion!

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YONEGE and SHIGE KIINO came to Florin in 1898. SHIGE was said to be the first Japanese woman in Florin. Yoshio was the first Nisei born in Florin in 1902. They settled on a farm in South Florin. SHIGE KIINO lived a long, courageous life, was honored as she lived to be 105, died in 1978.

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# She Left A Living Legacy ...

BY ROSEMARY MALICH

A very beautiful lady died last week.

In addition to her nine children and 23 grandchildren, she left a proud husband in the Rancho Cordova area and many other relatives and friends to whom she had transferred a cheerful outlook, a zest for living and her faith that, in spite of all adversity, if you relax and just play it cool, everything will turn out all right.

Mary (Tomomi) Sato, 82, probably didn't understand what "pot" was all about or what it meant to be a "permissive parent". She wouldn't have known what "doing your own thing" indicated--and probably couldn't care. But she evidently did just that--her "own thing", that is. She raised her nine children the hard way and obviously enjoyed every minute of it.

Kids today ask themselves--are we ready to have children? Mary Sato didn't ask. She had them and she reared them. She and her husband reared and educated nine children--all of whom have college degrees. Two of her daughters--as their mother--are nurses. Don Sato is principal at Theodore Judah Elementary School in Folsom. Dave, formerly a sixth grade teacher at Cordova Gardens in Rancho Cordova, is now teaching at Mitchell Junior High School. Kiyo and Kay are both nurses. George works for the State Department of Water Resources and Ronald is a technical employe with Lockheed in Sunnyvale. Pete is a teacher for the San Juan School District, Marian is a secretary, and Steve is with the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Not too bad for a little gal who didn't have too much going for her when she arrived in the Cordova area from Tokyo as a young bride.

But, let's let the brief biography written by Kiyo and George put the whole thing in perspective:

MARY TOMOMI SATO  
1895-1977

Tomomi Watanabe was an attractive, young nurse working in Tokyo in 1922 when she married Shinji Sato who had returned from America in search of a bride before the Exclusion Act went into effect barring all Oriental women from entering the United States. Together they crossed the ocean with hopes and dreams of a good life.

It was a difficult beginning for a "city girl." The work was strenuous in the strawberry fields on Routlers Road in Sacramento. She worked long hours side by side with her husband hurrying back to the farmhouse when necessary to feed and change her babies. When her weary body would finally sit down for supper, she would doze with food almost to her mouth, oblivious to the happy noise around the crowded table. Another "day's" work awaited her in the evenings with washing, ironing, readying school clothes, and the packing of school lunches.

Later, with the purchase of land in what is now the Rancho Cordova area which could not legally be theirs due to the Alien Land Law, they planted grapes and walnut trees. The family grew and so did the work. After the children were tucked in their cots at the shed, she joined her husband in building their first house by lantern-light. To the sleeping children it seemed that Mama never went to bed, for at day-break they would awaken to the sounds of breakfast preparations.

When life began to hold promises, the Evacuation Order of 1942 wiped out what the young couple had built to one bed-roll and two hand bags for each person, and sent them to Poston concentration camp on the Arizona desert where the heat would reach 130 degrees. "Never again will I complain of the Sacramento heat," she was heard to say, but the children rarely heard her complain or have an unkind word.

"Be of service in some way," "Never become a burden to society," "Get an education," she reminded us. Her heart went out to the less fortunate, and she worried and cared for them as her own. Her love encompassed all children, flowers and God.

In her many months of suffering with cancer, it was a privilege to care for her; it was a time for closeness with a kind and giving soul. That was her last gift to us...love even under the most unendurable circumstances which knit us all together--father, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. Her painful wrinkles relaxed as she heard our reassurance: "Anshin shite Kami-sama no tokoro ni itte chodai." She has left us a wonderful heritage of love to pass on.

Oh, yes. The Japanese phrase. What does it mean? Her kids couldn't translate it. But, it means something like "Relax, don't worry." Que Sera, sera (what will be, will be)...

Funeral services were held Thursday at Mayhew Community Baptist church, with interment at Sacramento Memorial Lawn Mortuary.

CHILDREN: KIYO, STEVE, DON/TRUDY, RONALD/AUDREY, GEORGE/SHIRLEY,  
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*We gratefully and in fond memory dedicate this page to our parents and our deceased brothers and husband.*

*Father Kikumatsu came to America in year 1905. After years of hardship, he settled in Florin Area. His wife Tami came some ten years later and together they farmed strawberries and grapes. About 1921, they made their final move to what formerly known as Taishoku community to continue their farming.*

*About 1933, Kikumatsu and group of men started the firm known as the Florin Berry Association, shipping strawberries to all parts of country. The Association was disbanded in 1942 due to the Executive Order 9066.*

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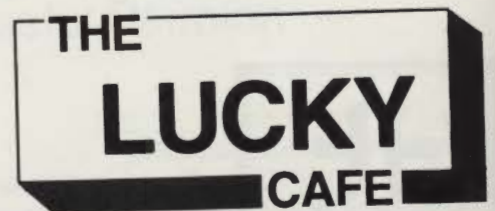
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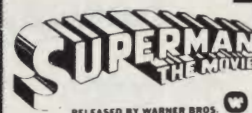
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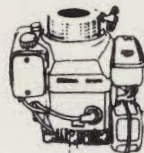
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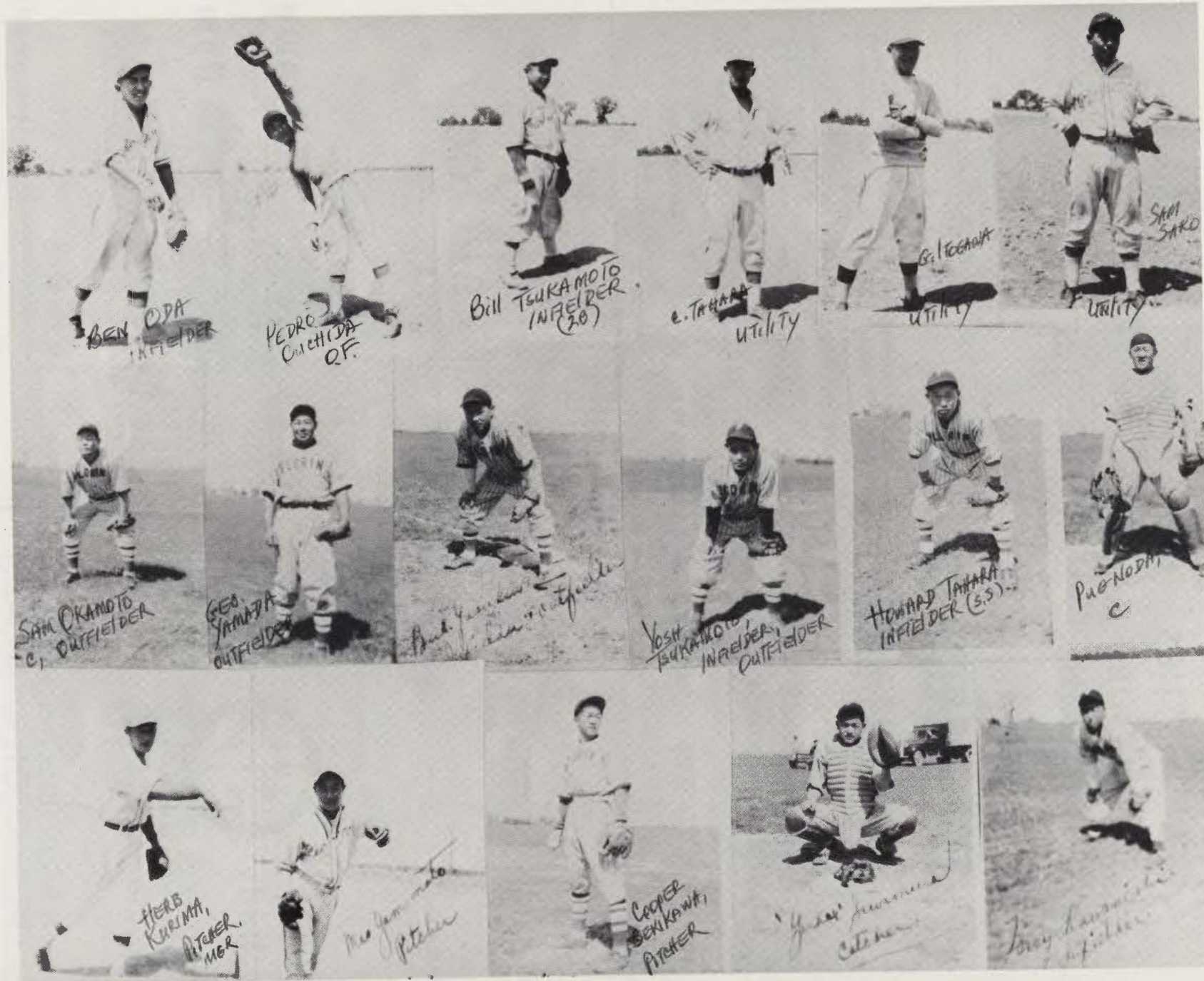
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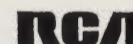
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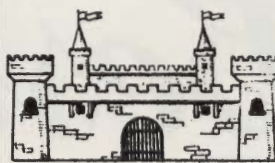
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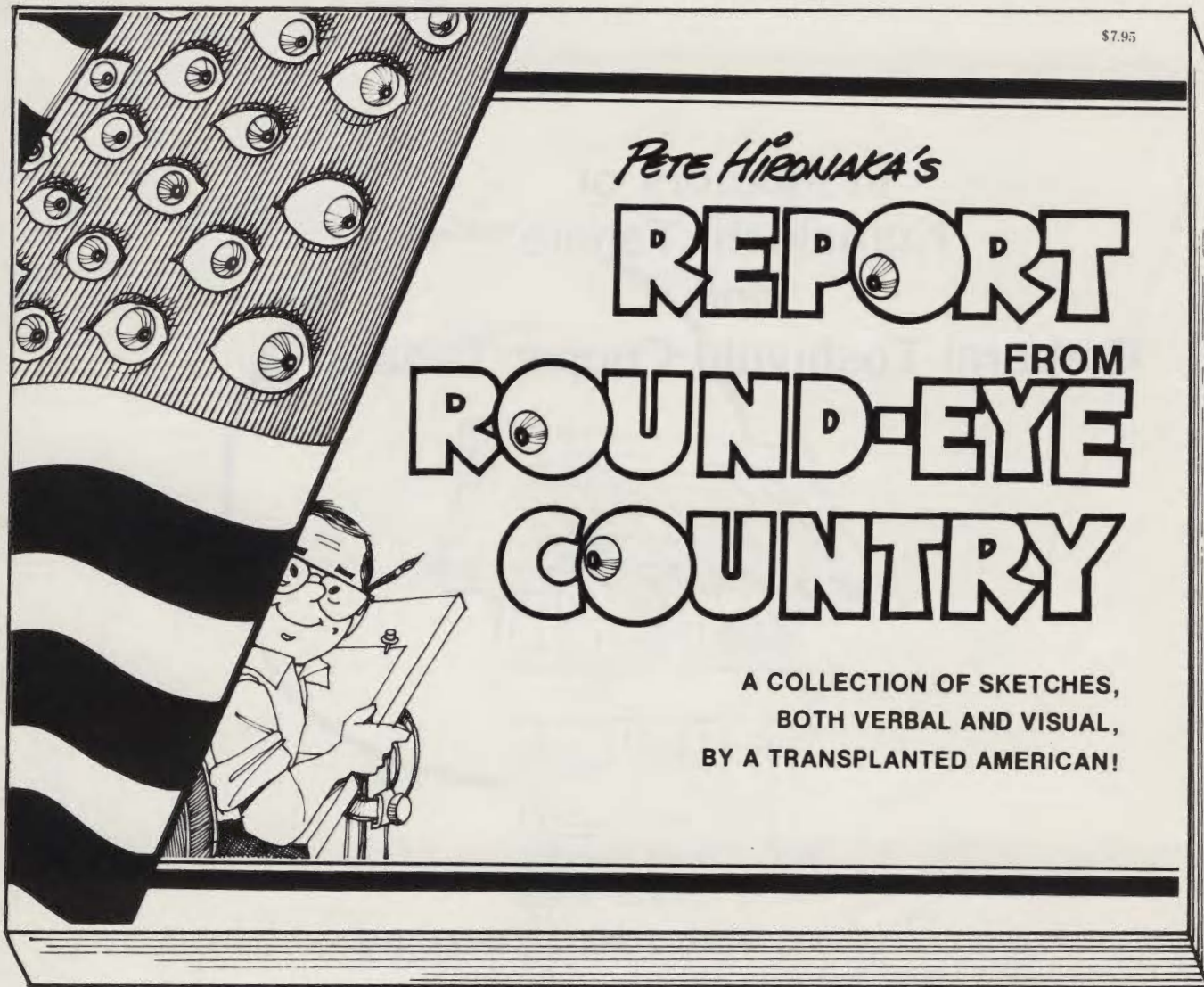
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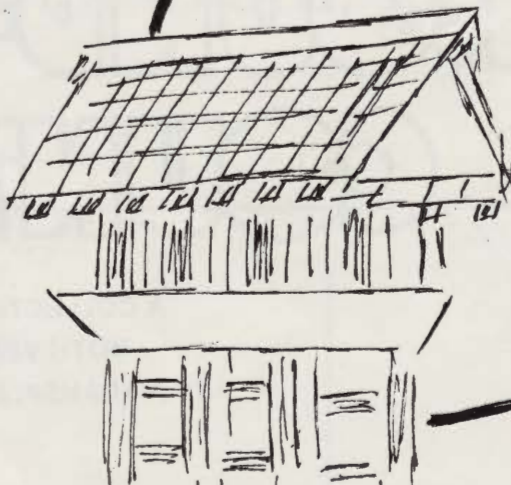
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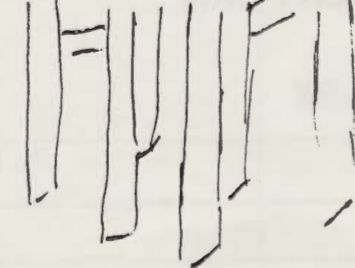
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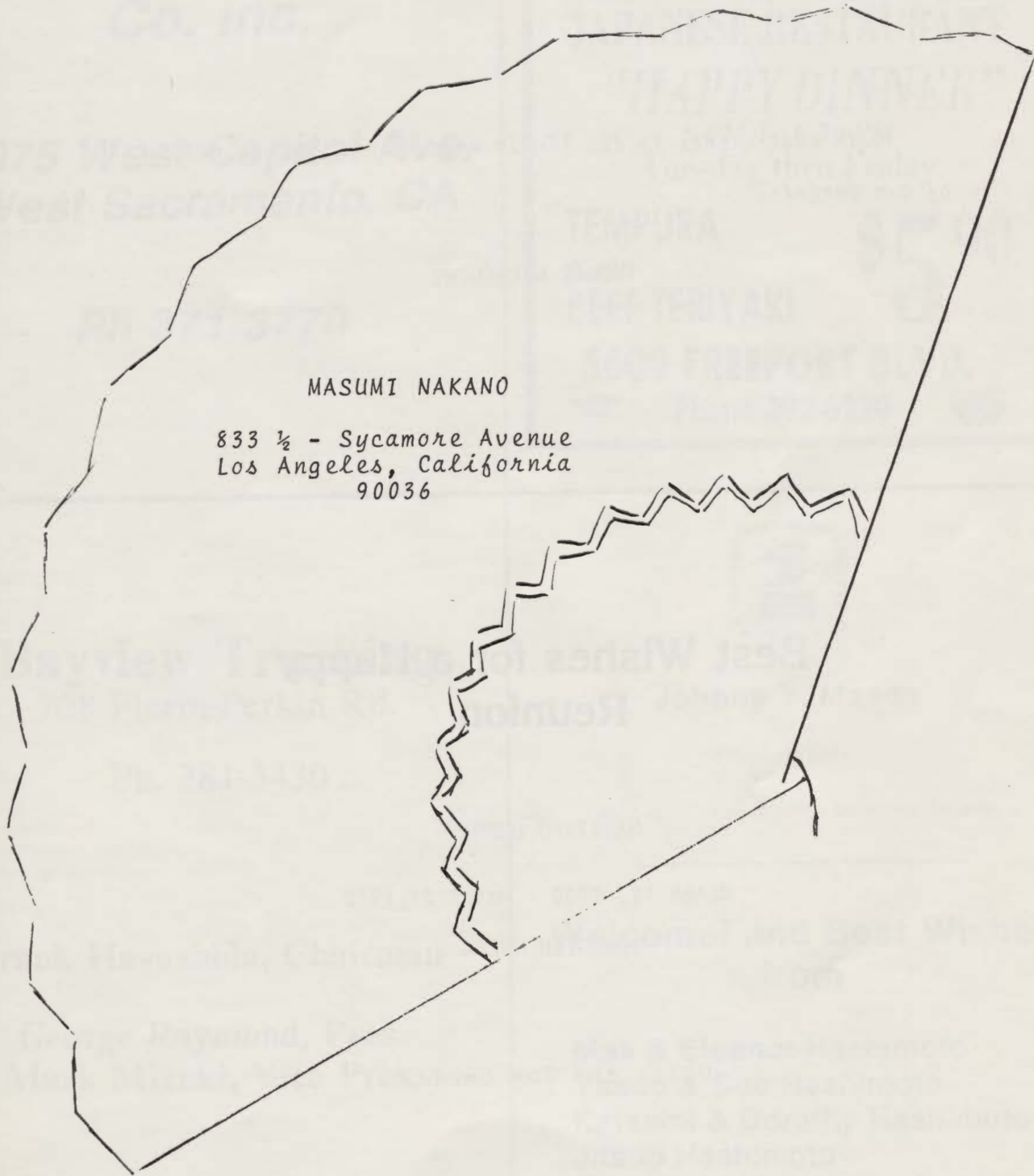
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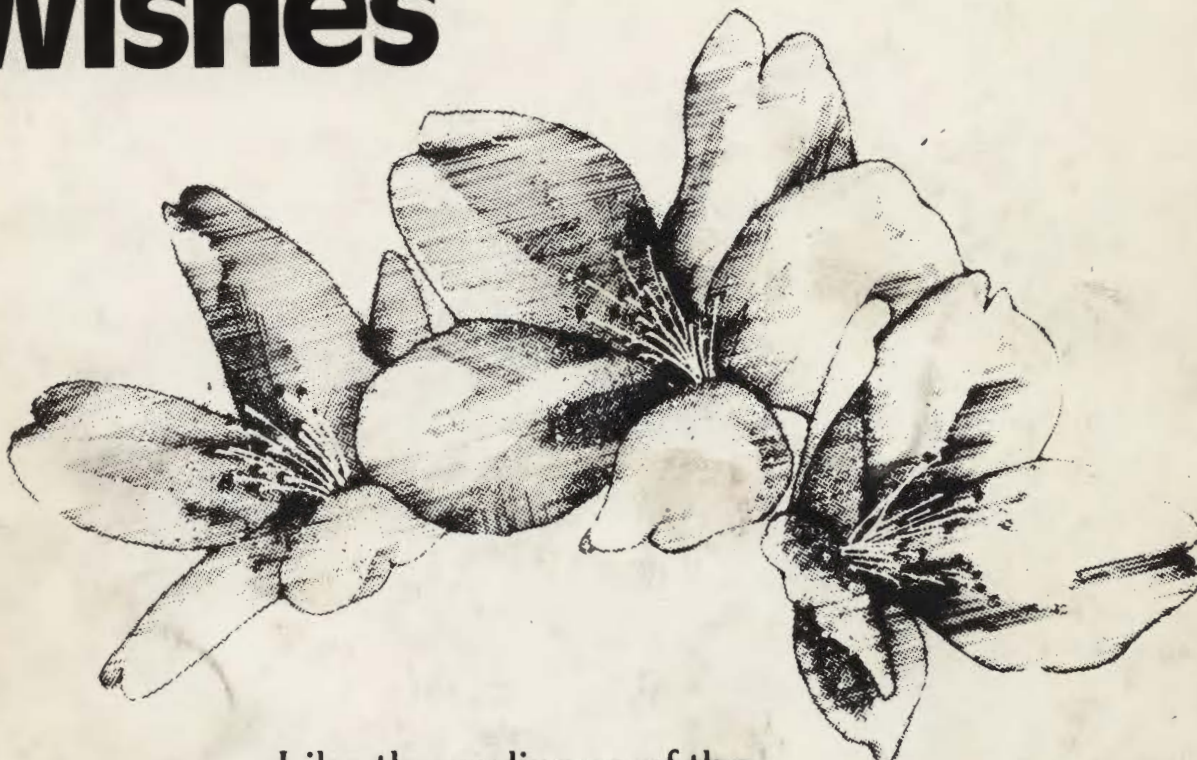
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